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USDA Forecasts Record High Delaware and Maryland Corn Yield

The 2013 growing season has delivered close to optimal yield conditions for Maryland and Delaware corn and soybean farmers. Frequent precipitation during May, June and July occurred across most areas of the two states. A prolonged period of high summer temperatures coupled with lack of rainfall has not occurred this year as it normally does. Corn, due to an earlier planting period than soybeans, has benefited the most with record-high yields forecasted. Soybean yield in both states is also projected at a near record high level as of August 1, but additional rains in August and September will be needed to realize the forecasted high yield levels.

Maryland: Maryland farmers project a yield of 155 bushels per acre for the 2013 corn crop, up 33 bushels per acre from last year and equal to the state record high yield of 155 bushels achieved in 2000. If realized, this will result in total production of 66.7 million bushels of corn on the 430,000 acres expected to be harvested for grain. Farmers also expect to harvest 465,000 acres of soybeans at an average yield of 45 bushels per acre. While the current forecast is 2 bushels below last year's state record high average yield of 47 bushels per acre, it is higher than Maryland's second highest soybean yield of 43 bushels in 2000. If realized, a total of 20.9 million bushels of soybeans are expected to be produced in Maryland in 2013.

Maryland farmers are expected to harvest an estimated 16.8 million bushels of wheat this year. The 2013 wheat yield averaged 67 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel per acre from 2012. Barley fields are expected to yield an average of 80 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the 82 bushels per acre yield in 2012. Total barley production is estimated at 4.1 million bushels.

Delaware: Delaware farmers report that they expect corn fields to produce an average of 165 bushels per acre in 2013, up 30 bushels per acre from 2012 and 3 bushels higher than the previous state record high yield of 162 bushels per acre in 2000. With 174,000 acres expected to be harvested for grain, total corn production is estimated at 28.7 million bushels. Soybeans are expected to yield 40 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels per acre from 2012. Soybeans are expected to be harvested from 158,000 acres for a total production of 6.3 million bushels. The forecasted yield of 40 bushels compares with the state record high yield of 43 bushels in 2000.

United States: Corn production is forecast at record high 13.76 billion bushels, up 28 percent from 2012. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 154.4 bushels per acre, up 31 bushels from 2012. If realized, this would be the highest average yield since 2009. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 89.1 million acres, up 2 percent from 2012.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.26 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.6 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the fifth highest on record. Area for harvest is forecast at 76.4 million acres, up slightly from 2012.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2012 AND 2013

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
Maryland									
		-----1,000 Acres -----				-----1,000-----			
Corn	AC	495	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	435	430	122	155	53,070	66,650
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	55	----	19	----	1,045	----
Soybeans	BU	480	470	475	465	47	45	22,325	20,925
Wheat, Winter	BU	310	330	210	250	68	67	14,280	16,750
Barley	BU	60	70	40	51	82	80	3,280	4,080
Potatoes. Summer	CWT	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	255	280	408	392
Delaware									
Corn	AC	185	180	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	178	174	135	165	24,030	28,710
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5	----	17	----	85	----
Soybeans	BU	170	160	168	158	42.5	40	7,140	6,320
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.5	380	340	836	850
United States									
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Corn	AC	97,155	97,379	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	87,375	89,135	123.4	154.4	10,780	13,763
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	7,379	----	15	----	113	----
Soybeans	BU	77,198	77,728	76,104	76,378	39.6	42.6	3,015	3,255
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,324	42,697	34,834	32,270	47.2	47.8	1,645	1,543
Barley	BU	3,637	3,482	3,244	3,075	67.9	70.7	220	218
All Hay	TON	----	----	56,260	57,574	2.13	2.08	120	120
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	17,292	18,812	3.01	2.92	52	55
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	38,968	38,762	1.74	1.69	68	65
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9,512	8.1
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.13	1.02
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	49.8	47.0	48.5	45.7	368	358	17.9	16.4